

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph entitled "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following rewritten paragraph:

C1  
--Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of GERMAN Application Nos. 199 38 323.5 and 100 09 205.5 filed August 12, 1999 and February 26, 2000, respectively. Applicant also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. ~~§120~~ §365 of PCT/DE00/0693 filed August 10, 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

On page 2, line 14 please add the following paragraph:

C2  
--Fig. 2a shows section IIa-IIa from FIG. 2.--

On page 2, please replace the second to last paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

C3  
--In the first transmission stage I, a first sun wheel 2, which can be driven from outside, engages in first planet wheels 3, which are mounted in a first planet carrier 4. Three first planet wheels 3 are mounted in the first planet carrier 4, distributed ~~across its width~~ around its circumference.--

On page 3, please replace the second paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

C4 --A last sun wheel 10, connected rigidly with the second planet carrier 8, engages, from this carrier outward, in last planet wheels 11 of the last planet carrier 5 of the third transmission stage III. Four last planet wheels, 11a, 11b, 11c and 11d, are distributed over the ~~width~~ circumference of this last planet carrier 5. Planet wheels 11 engage the third internal gear 12. The internal gear 12 of the third stage is rigidly connected with the transmission housing.--

On page 3, please replace the second to last paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

C5 --With the transmission described, a transmission ratio of  $i=181$ , for example, can be achieved if the internal gears in which the planet wheels engage each have 108 teeth, the transmission ratios in the individual stages are  $i_1=10$ ,  $i_2=4$  and  $i_3=5.5$ , and in the last transmission stage, i.e., the third in this case (III), there are four planet wheels installed ~~across its width~~ around its circumference, with only three planet wheels in each of the first two transmission stages.--

On page 4, please replace the second paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Naturally, the first transmission stage I can also be

C6. implemented with four planet wheels distributed ~~across its width~~  
around its circumference.--

On page 4, please replace the second to last paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

C7. -- - In the third transmission stage, four planet wheels are provided in the planet carrier distributed ~~across its width~~  
around its circumference and  $i_3=5.5$  is set as the transmission ratio.--

On page 4, please replace the last paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

C8. -- - In the second transmission stage, either four or three planet wheels are provided in the planet carrier distributed ~~over its width~~ around its circumference and  $i_2=4$  or  $i_2=5.5$  is set as the transmission ratio for this stage.--

On page 5, please replace the first full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

C9. -- - In the first transmission stage, three planet wheels are provided in the planet carrier distributed ~~over its width~~  
around its circumference and  $i_1=3, 4, 5, 7, 10$  can be set as the transmission ratio for this stage.--

On page 5, please replace the second full paragraph with the following rewritten paragraph:

C.10  
--For an internal gear with  $z=108$  teeth, surprisingly, with a predetermined transmission ratio of  $i=5.5$ , four planet wheels can be used in an associated planet carrier, distributed ~~across~~ its width around its circumference. In spite of this odd single stage transmission ratio, an even overall transmission can be achieved through kinematics according to the invention.--

On page 6, after the last paragraph, please add the following paragraph:

C.11  
-- FIG. 2a shows a cross section of third transmission stage III thorough section IIa-IIa shown in FIG. 2. Four planet wheels 11 are located around a circumference of planet carrier 5.